(a) the number of grades of Guards and Foresters in the Forest Department;

(b) their scales of pay?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—

(a) 1. Forest guards 4
2. Foresters 2

(b) 1. Forest guard, 1st grade Rs. 30
do 2nd „ Rs. 25
do 3rd „ Rs. 20
do 4th „ Rs. 18

2. Foresters, 1st grade Rs. 40—60
do 2nd „ Rs. 25—40

Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—How is that a forester gets less pay than a guard?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—I presume the Hon'ble Member refers to the 1st grade of the Forest Guards (Rs. 30) and the last grade of the Foresters (Rs. 25—40). These grades were first recommended by the Special Finance Committee and it was on that basis these grades were adopted. There is an anomaly that in some cases the Forester who draws Rs. 25 in the second grade may have under him a Forest Guard on Rs. 30. That anomaly has been at the time pointed out to the Government. This will occur only in very rare instances.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Could that anomaly be got over by some means?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—Of course, when any particular case comes up it is being brought to the notice of the Government.

E. Govinda Menon, Anchal Peon—Petition from.

53. Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty. — Will the Government be pleased.—

(a) to print and place on the table a copy of the petition sent by E. Govinda Menon, the Anchal peon, to the Superintendent of Anchal on 5th Kanni 1111;

(b) to state what action has been taken by the Superintendent of Anchal in the matter?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(a) There was no petition dated 5th Kanni 1111 from E. Govinda Menon.

(b) Does not arise.

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Mr. T. C. Iyyukutty.—Has the Government ever received a petition from him?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayya.—Government do not remember to have received any petition from E. Govinda Menon.

Report of the Travancore Agricultural Debtors' Relief Committee.

54. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government print and place on the table a copy of the recent Report of the Travancore Agricultural Debtors' Relief Committee?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayya.—A copy of the report published by the Travancore Government is placed on the table.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Does not this report contain more drastic recommendations than what is contained in our report of the Antony Committee?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—It is a matter of opinion.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Has the Hon'ble Member perused this report?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayya.—Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—When was it received here?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.—About 3 weeks ago.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Has the Government noted the point of interest reduction advocated by this report?

Mr. T. S. Narayana Ayyar.— They have noted various other points also.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.— Do they know what the recommendations are?

Mr. President.— Order, order. In connection with this question, Government are not bound to place on the table of the House any document other than those published by the Government of His Highness the Maharaja of Cochin, like any report of the British Government, the German Government or the Travancore Government. I allow this question only as a matter of courtsey and I would the Hon'ble Members to realize that hereafter they should not ask similar questions.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—I only want to bring to the notice of the Government that more drastic measures are being taken by that Government.

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